



HALLOWEEN SAFETY

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When Trick-or-Treating:

- Make sure costumes are brightly colored or have reflective tape on them.
- Wear shoes that fit properly and a costume that makes it easy to walk and move around.
- Carry a flashlight so you can see and be seen easily.
- Wear makeup instead of a face mask if possible. If you must wear a mask, take it off when you are walking so you can see everything around you.
- Make sure a parent accompanies young trick-or-treaters on their rounds. If older children are going alone, parents should plan and review the route that is acceptable to them. Agree on a specific time when the children should return home.
- Go to houses in your neighborhood where you know the homeowners.
- Stick to well lit areas. If the lights are off at a house, don't stop there.
- Use the sidewalk where available and walk to the left when using a roadway. This way you can see the traffic that is approaching and drivers can see you.
- Cross the street at corners and resist the urge to cross between parked cars. Never cut across lawns or use alleys.
- Plan a route with your family ahead of time and stick to it.
- Never enter anyone's home without your parent.
- Have your parents check all your treats before eating. Throw away any candy or food that is not wrapped by the candy company. If there are any suspicious treats, notify the police.

